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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister stated that he had passed on the memorandum to the Special Officer at Kozhikode. May I know from him whether he has made any recommendation on the memorandum to start a dispensary at Pazhayangadi? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" To open a dispensary requires a recurring expenditure of Rs. 9,000 for the cost of medicines, establishment, etc., and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 40,000 for the building. The Special Officer has said, ' We are heavily in deficit and we cannot undertake the work.' "

Area of operation of the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company.

* 1186 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the area of operation of the licensee, South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" About 1,300 square miles, i.e., Tindivanam, Villupuram, Cuddalore and Chidambaram taluks in South Arcot district."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" From the answer given by the Hon. Minister it is apparent that more than half the district is outside the area of operation of the licensee. So, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to bestow more attention on extension of electricity in the areas outside the operation of the licensee? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The request of my hon. Friend will be considered."

Starting of a Regional Coconut Research Station in Malabar.

* 1187 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the estimated financial commitments involved in the proposals of the Indian Central Coconut Committee, Ernakulam, to start a Regional Coconut Research Station in Malabar; and

(*b*) whether the proposals contained any promise of assistance from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The estimated cost of the Scheme for the establishment of a Regional Coconut Research Station in Malabar district was Rs. 81,700 recurring and Rs. 2,67,400 non-recurring for a period of five years against an anticipated receipt of Rs. 70,000. The